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1. AGRICULTURAL STUDY DELEGATION -- REF A ASKS WHETHER AUGUST TIMING IS ACCEPTABLE TO CSCPRC FOR VISIT OF AGRICULTURAL STUDY DELEGATION. CSCPRC REPLIES AUGUST IS POSSIBLE, BUT COMMITTEE CANNOT GIVE FIRM ANSWER UNTIL IT HAS DETAILED INFORMATION ON INTERESTS OF VISITING STUDY DELEGATION. (SOME ACTIVITIES WOULD SIMPLY NOT BE FEASIBLE IN AUGUST.) CSCPRC STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY DIRECT COMMUNICATION FROM CHINESE SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY.

2. WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS DELEGATION -- THERE HAS BEEN SOME NOMENCLATURAL CONFUSION FOR SOME TIME ON BOTH US AND CHINESE SIDES. ESSENTIAL POINT, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS DELEGATION PROPOSED BY NATIONAL COMMITTEE IN 1973 AND DESCRIBED FOR EXAMPLE IN AUGUST 9, 1973, LETTER TO CHOU CHIU-YEH (SECRETARY GENERAL, CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AS GROUP FROM PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION IN INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS, "BULK OF DELEGATION TO INCLUDE REPRE-

SENTATIVES OF COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF USA; FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION; AND NATIONAL COUNCIL ON COMMUNITY WORLD AFFAIRS." DURING NOVEMBER COUNTERPART TALKS, CHINESE CONFIRMED THAT THEY WERE REFERRING TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE PROPOSAL. NATIONAL COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT "WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS" WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION.

3. WE REGRET POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT BUT HOPE CHINESE WILL BE ABLE TO RESCHEDULE VISIT, UNDER NATIONAL COMMITTEE AUSPICES. CHINESE HAVE NOT YET DIRECTLY COMMUNICATED WITH NATNAL COMMITTEE ABOUT POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT. NATIONAL COMMITTEE IS NOW CONSIDERING REACTION TO THIS DEVELOPMENT, AND PLANS TO TALK WITH CHINESE WITHIN TWO WEEKS. IN MEANTIME, USLO SHOULD NOT RPT NOT RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH THE MFA. IN THIS REGARD, NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS STRESSED TO US THAT THEY MOST EARNESTLY HOPE NOTHING WILL BE DONE OR SAID EITHER ABOUT POSTPONEMENT OF WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS DELEGATION OR POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT DELEGATION WHICH COULD IN ANY WAY PREJUDICE THE PROSPECTS OF THE PRC TOUR OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS AS SCHEDULED UNDER NATIONAL COMMITTEE AUSPICES. NATIONAL COMMITTEE PROPOSED LATTER VISIT TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER BUT HAS RECEIVED NO REACTION TO THIS FROM CHINESE. NATIONAL COMMITTEE MUST GET IN TOUCH WITH PROSPECTIVE DELEGATION MEMBERS BEFORE UNIVERSITIES CLOSE DOWN TOWARDS END OF MAY FOR SUMMER, AND TO DO THIS COMMITTEE MUST HAVE SOME WORD WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS FROM CHINESE THAT VISIT IS ON AS SCHEDULED. RUSH

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